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APPLICANTS : Zhu Jian ZHAN et al.  
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FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EDGE BLENDING  
HARD DRIVE HEAD SLIDERS  
GROUP ART UNIT : 3723  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract** are being submitted as a Substitute Specification with a marked-up version and a clean version following page 9 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.